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**To the Chairman and Members of the
Pontardawe Rural District Council**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1966. The Report is compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health as given in Circular 1/67 (Wales) and the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

The Vital Statistics for the year 1966 showed no unusual trends. No outbreak of infectious disease occurred other than the expected distribution of measles notification. Three deaths occurred from Respiratory Tuberculosis and eight new cases were notified, seven of them being respiratory and one non-respiratory. 483 persons were still included in the Tuberculosis register at the end of the year the majority of these being healed cases who enjoyed good health but attended as out-patients at the Chest Clinic from time to time. It is interesting to note that in 1950 there were 23 deaths from Tuberculosis in this district. Cancer of the lung and bronchus continued to be the commonest Cancer, accounting for 17 deaths during the year—15 in males and 2 in females.

In May, 1966, the Meals on Wheels Service for the house-bound or semi house-bound was started in this area. This initial scheme served the Pontardawe central area comprising of approximately a quarter of the total population. From its commencement, the scheme ran smoothly ; the meals were cooked in a local school kitchen, this being the first time that the school meals service had provided meals for this purpose in the Glamorgan County area. The standard of meals has been excellent and they have been most acceptable to the people who have received them. The smooth running of the service has to a large extent been due to the excellent co-operation of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service who have collected the meals from the school kitchen twice a week and delivered them to 36 old people. The scheme is administered by this Council who have provided a mini-van and the necessary hot-lock containers etc. 50% of the net cost of the service is borne by Pontardawe Rural District Council and the other 50% by the Glamorgan County Council. During the year preparations were being made to extend the service to cover the rest of the Pontardawe Rural District Council area and towards the end of the year preparations were

almost complete to begin in Clydach, where the meals would be cooked once again in a school kitchen and delivered by the local Women's Royal Voluntary Service.

This Council's Public Health Department continued to play an active part in the rehousing in Council houses of families in this area. During the year, 168 were rehoused under the Council's Points Scheme and a further 33 as Keyworkers etc. 83 were rehoused in new houses and 118 in houses which became available as casual vacancies. It is fitting that the Council's Public Health Department administered this Points scheme as in 71 of the families concerned some priority was given because of illness and many others were rehoused because their dwellings had been reported as unfit.

In October, 1966, the various water schemes in the ownership of this Council were transferred to the newly formed West Glamorgan Water Board, but the Public Health Inspectors continued to sample water supplies especially in the more remote peripheral areas.

Officials of the Water Board have also carried out sampling and there has been close co-operation between the bodies concerned regarding any necessary action.

Lastly, the gradual trend of population decline has continued during the past 25 years. In 1941, the population of this district was 34,330 ; the Registrar General's estimated population for 1966 was 30,130. The decline has been a steady one of approximately a 150 or so per year. It is probable that most of the reduction in population is taking place in the upper part of the valley especially around Ystalyfera, and that at the lower end, notably at Clydach, there is little or no fall and the extensive private building which has commenced at Rhos on the Neath side of the district is beginning to cause a considerable population increase in that village.

It is desired to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their co-operation and interest in the work of the Department and the Staff of the Public Health Department who have at all times carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. M. DAVIES,
Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Chairman of the Public Health Committee :

Councillor F. WILLIAMS

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS :

Medical Officer of Health :

Dr. G. M. DAVIES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector :

IEUAN LEWIS, M.B.E., F.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H.

(Meat and Other Foods)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS :

G. A. REES, M.A.P.H.I.

D. J. DAVIES, M.A.P.H.I., C.R.S.H. (Meat and Other Foods)

H. WYNNE JONES, M.A.P.H.I., C.I. Hsg., C.R.S.H.

(Meat and Other Foods)

STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR :

ENIR WYN HODGE

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL :

Senior Assistant : JOHN ROGERS

MARY E. DAVIES

RUFUS THOMAS

BANKS P. REES

BEATRICE WILLIAMS

SECTION A — STATISTICS

Area as given on Ordnance Maps	34,969 acres
Registrar-General's Estimate of mid-year population	30,130
Rateable Value as at 1st April, 1966	£741,827
Sum represented by a Penny Rate 1/4/66	£2,882

Live Births :

Number	404
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	15.14
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.21

Still Births :

Number	5
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	12.22
Total live and still-births	409
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	6

Infant Mortality Rates :

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	14.85
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	15.50
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	—
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	9.90
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	9.90
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	22.00
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	Nil
Total Number of Deaths (all ages)	417
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	14.26
Deaths from Cancer	78
Death from Gastro-enteritis (under 1 year)	Nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1966 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PONTARDAWE IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1—INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	19	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	129	171	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	141	190	—	—

2—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”)

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	27	27	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	6	6	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	5	5	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	39	39	—	—	—

Part VIII of the Act. HOMEWORK. (Sections 133 and 134)
There were no Outworkers registered with the Authority during 1965.

Report under Factories Act, 1961.

All factories were supervised in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and as indicated in the foregoing tables all defects were remedied without the institution of proceedings.

**CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1966
IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PONTARDAWE**

S. N.	CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and Under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
						1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75plus
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—
		M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2
		F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
11	Malignant neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	M	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	5	2	2
12	Malignant neoplasm Breast ..	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	1	1
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	F	21	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	5	6	8	8
		M	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	4	4
		F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
16	Diabetes ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
		F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
		M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	35	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	2	13	14
18	Coronary Disease, Angina ..	F	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	16	18
		M	49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	14	7	7
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	F	33	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	12	18	18
		M	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
20	Other Heart Disease	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	1
		M	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	10	10
		F	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	22

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GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY) — VITAL STATISTICS — 1966

	Est'd Pop. 1966	BIRTHS			No. of Deaths	DEATHS			INFANT MORTALITY		PERI-NATAL MORTALITY	
		No. of Births	Rate per 1,000 population			Rate per 1,000 population	Deaths under 1 year	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths & deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths		
			Crude	Adj'd							Crude	Adj'ted
England and Wales	480,753,000	850,000	—	17.7	563,626	—	11.7	16,147	19.00	22,747	26.3	
Administrative County	764,000	12,804	16.76	17.10	9,401	12.30	13.90	271	21.17	396	30.38	
Urban Districts	526,040	8,687	16.51	17.01	6,631	12.61	14.38	192	22.10	282	31.86	
Rural Districts	237,960	4,117	17.30	17.47	2,770	11.64	12.57	79	19.19	114	27.25	
Health Division. Constituent Districts												
Aberdare and Mountain Ash.	38,700	606	15.66	17.07	582	15.04	15.34	15	24.75	26	41.87	
Mountain Ash.	29,300	509	17.37	17.37	372	12.70	15.24	15	29.47	18	34.62	
Caerphilly and Gelligaer	38,040	814	21.40	20.97	430	11.30	14.13	25	30.71	34	41.06	
Gelligaer	35,000	658	18.80	18.80	413	11.80	15.34	13	19.76	23	34.28	
Mid-Glamorgan	15,100	231	15.30	15.76	181	11.99	13.19	3	12.99	7	29.79	
Maesteg	21,430	353	16.47	17.13	261	12.18	14.86	5	14.16	10	27.70	
Ogmore and Garw	20,670	320	15.48	15.94	261	12.63	15.41	9	28.13	13	39.88	
Porthcawl	12,540	248	19.78	22.15	168	13.40	11.52	5	20.16	2	8.03	
Penybont Rural	46,650	990	21.22	20.37	599	12.84	12.33	23	23.23	25	25.00	

Neath and District	Neath M. B. ..	30,200	450	14.90	15.50	404	13.38	14.45	6	13.33	11	24.07
	Neath Rural ..	40,910	628	15.35	15.96	456	11.15	13.49	15	23.89	28	43.55
Pontypridd and Llantrisant.	Llantrisant Rural ..	29,500	581	19.69	18.71	288	9.76	12.49	15	25.82	20	33.73
	Pontypridd Urban ..	35,090	555	15.82	16.14	433	12.34	12.83	11	19.82	16	28.32
Port Talbot and Glyncoerrwg	Glyncoerrwg Urban ..	9,460	191	20.19	19.58	105	11.10	16.67	8	41.88	9	45.68
	Port Talbot M.B. ..	51,800	792	15.29	15.14	586	11.31	15.38	14	17.68	24	29.70
South East Glamorgan	Barry M.B. ..	42,430	702	16.54	17.04	489	11.52	12.67	12	17.09	18	25.28
	Cardiff Rural ..	54,410	883	16.23	15.74	680	12.50	12.00	8	9.06	17	18.97
Cowbridge	Cowbridge M.B. ..	1,140	21	18.42	18.60	13	11.40	12.20	—	—	—	—
	Cowbridge Rural ..	21,260	374	17.59	18.82	165	7.76	12.80	8	21.39	9	23.56
West Glamorgan	Penarth Urban ..	21,950	395	18.00	19.44	297	13.53	12.58	7	17.72	12	29.85
	Gower Rural ..	15,100	257	17.02	18.38	165	10.93	10.93	4	15.56	6	22.99
Rhondda M.B.	Llchwyr Urban ..	25,470	397	15.59	16.68	322	12.64	13.78	8	20.15	8	20.00
	Pontardawe Rural ..	30,130	404	13.40	15.14	417	13.84	14.26	6	14.85	9	22.00
	.. ..	97,720	1,445	14.79	15.23	1,314	13.45	15.33	36	24.91	51	34.51

VITAL STATISTICS — 1966

ENGLAND AND WALES — PERSONS

ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME POPULATION 48,075,300

	Number	Rate	
Live Births	850,000*	17.7	per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	13,300*	15.4	per 1,000 total births
Deaths	563,626	11.7	per 1,000 population
Infant Mortality (deaths under 1 year of age)	16,147	19.0	per 1,000 live births
Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 4 weeks of age)	10,934	12.9	per 1,000 live births
Early Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 1 week of age)	9,447	11.1	per 1,000 live births
Perinatal Mortality (stillbirths and deaths under 1 wk. of age)	22,747	26.3	per 1,000 total births

* Estimated

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Net Deaths at Various Ages Under One Year

Causes of Death	Sex	AGE GROUPS				PARISH OR WARD			
		Under 24 Hours	1—2 Weeks	1 Month and Under 3 Months	Total Deaths under 1 Year	Cly- dach	Cily- beyll	Godr- graig	Cae- gurwen
Prematurity	M F	2 1	— —	— —	2 1	1 —	1 —	— —	— 1
Congestive Cardiac failure	M F	— —	— 1	— —	— 1	— —	— 1	— —	— —
Asphyxia—inhilation of vomit	M F	— —	— —	— 1	— 1	— 1	— —	— —	— —
Congenital Heart Disease	M F	— —	— —	1 —	1 —	— —	— —	1 —	— —
TOTALS	M F	2 1	— 1	1 1	3 3	1 1	1 1	1 —	— 1

BIRTHS AND DEATHS 1947 — 1966

Year	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)	Death Rate under One year per 1,000 Live Births	Death Rate per 1,000 Population (Adjusted)
1947	16.8	45.0	12.9
1948	16.5	37.1	11.8
1949	14.4	51.0	13.2
1950	13.97	35.09	14.15
1951	13.23	30.37	14.16
1952	14.57	32.05	13.30
1953	13.93	49.11	13.21
1954	14.26	39.22	13.36
1955	13.43	20.83	14.70
1956	13.97	27.33	16.07
1957	13.78	27.59	14.46
1958	13.55	18.78	15.52
1959	13.30	28.85	13.67
1960	13.55	35.55	14.70
1961	13.93	23.58	14.37
1962	14.22	25.35	14.70
1963	16.36	24.77	15.73
1964	18.02	22.68	15.14
1965	15.57	14.39	13.58
1966	15.14	14.85	14.26

BIRTHS AND INFANT DEATHS — 1966

BIRTHS

Live Births			Still Births				
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	201	203	404	Total	3	2	5
Legitimate	194	193	387	Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	7	10	17	Illegitimate	—	—	—

INFANT DEATHS

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age				Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age				Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age			
	M	F	Total		M	F	Total		M	F	Total
Total	3	3	6	Total	2	2	4	Total	2	2	4
Legitimate	3	3	6	Legitimate	2	2	4	Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—	Illegitimate	—	—	—	Illegitimate	—	—	—

STATISTICAL TABLE — COMPARISON OF POPULATION BIRTHS AND DEATHS — 1939-1966

Year	Registrar General's Estimate of Population	Live Births		Deaths	
		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population	Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
1939	33,780	420	12.4	418	12.3
1940	33,220	484	13.8	420	12.6
1941	34,330	552	14.6	407	11.9
1942	32,510	583	16.8	399	12.3
1943	31,550	570	17.6	406	12.8
1944	32,250	571	17.7	411	12.7
1945	32,520	515	15.8	399	12.3
1946	33,160	576	17.4	408	12.3
1947	33,110	557	16.8	426	12.9
1948	32,760	539	16.5	386	11.8
1949	32,780	472	14.4	432	13.2
1950	32,650	456	13.97	462	14.15
1951	32,340	428	13.23	458	14.16
1952	32,110	468	14.57	427	13.30
1953	32,170	448	13.93	425	13.21
1954	32,190	459	14.26	430	13.36
1955	32,170	432	13.43	473	14.70
1956	32,050	439	13.97	477	16.07
1957	31,880	435	13.78	423	14.46
1958	31,750	426	13.55	452	15.52
1959	31,580	416	13.30	396	13.67
1960	31,450	422	13.55	428	14.70
1961	30,740	424	13.93	405	14.37
1962	30,820	434	14.22	408	14.70
1963	30,660	444	16.36	455	15.73
1964	30,400	485	18.02	434	15.14
1965	30,270	417	15.57	403	13.58
1966	30,130	407	15.14	417	14.26

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS (EXCLUDING MOTOR ACCIDENTS) 1966

CAUSE	SEX		PARISH OR WARD			
	M	F	Blaenegel & Mawr	Craig-cefn-parc	Cily-bebyll	G'nswllt/Velindre
Fractured Spine—Fall	—	1	1	—	—	—
Fractured Pelvis— colliery accident	1	—	—	1	—	—
Fractured Femur	—	2	1	—	1	—
Crush Injury— colliery accident	1	—	—	—	—	1
Barbiturate overdose self administered by accident	—	1	—	—	1	—
TOTAL	2	4	2	1	2	1

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS 1966

CAUSE	SEX		PARISH OR WARD	
	M	F	Blaenegel & Mawr	Cae-gurwen
Fra ture of neck and spinal chord— car ran off road	1	—	—	1
Multiple injuries—car ran off road	1	—	1	—
Multiple injuries—motor cycle in collision with stationary lorry	1	—	1	—
Multiple injuries—pedestrian/car	—	1	—	1
Crush injuries—breast	1	—	—	1
TOTAL	4	1	2	3

SUICIDE 1966

Cause	Sex		Parish or Ward		
	M	F	Alltygrug	Clydach	Cilybebyll
Asphyxia—	1	—	1	—	—
Barbituate poisoning— overdose of tablets	1	1	—	1	1
TOTAL	2	1	1	1	1

HOMICIDE 1966

Cause	Sex		Ward
	M	F	Godrergrraig
Fractured skull—involved in brawl	1	—	1

SECTION B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

Samples taken for bacteriological examination were examined as in past years at the Public Health Laboratory, Swansea, those for chemical analysis and air pollution being analysed at the County Laboratory, Cardiff.

The number of samples taken during the year was as follows :—

WATER :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	151
CHEMICAL Analysis	28

WATER BOARD :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	41
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SWIMMING BATHS WATER :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	8
CHEMICAL Examination	4

MILK :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	9
BIOLOGICAL Examination	9

ICE CREAM :

BACTERIOLOGICAL Examination	0
CHEMICAL Analysis	Nil

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION :

LEAD PEROXIDE INSTRUMENTS	20
DEPOSIT GAUGE	Nil

(b) Welfare Services, Hospital and Ambulance Services.

The two County Council hostels at Danybryn and Gelligron continued in use. Your officers co-operate with the County Welfare Officers in dealing with cases needing joint action.

The Clydach and Gellynudd Hospitals continued in use under the Administration of the Glantawe Management Committee.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951.

No formal action was necessary during this year with regard to persons in need of care and attention and the burial of unclaimed dead.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water.

The West Glamorgan Water Board Order, 1966 set up a Joint Board which came into operation on 1st October, 1966, and on that date the Council's Water Undertaking was transferred to the Board.

Your Council is still responsible for ensuring that the water supplies of the area are pure, and the closest liaison is maintained with officers of the Water Board. Samples are taken generally upon complaint and results of analyses are exchanged with the Water Board. Any matters likely to endanger purity of supply noticed by your officers in the course of general inspection are immediately notified to the Board.

Public Swimming Baths.

There are two swimming baths in the area which are the responsibility respectively of the Llanguicke and Rhyndwynclydach Parish Councils. The baths are only open during the spring and summer periods and samples are regularly taken. The advice of the Department is made readily available to the Parish Councils concerned when any difficulties arise.

Development of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.

- (i) Fforestgoch Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works Scheme (£6,904) — completed.
 - (ii) Fforestgoch Privy Conversion Scheme — in progress.
 - (iii) Swansea Valley Trunk Sewer (£254,000) — commenced.
 - (iv) Pheasant Road Trebanos — Sewer Extension (£628) — completed.
 - (v) Velindre Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Works Scheme — drawing and estimate submitted to Ministry.
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SECTION D.—HOUSING

Tables giving a summary of the Council's rehousing activities (a) during the year 1966 and (b) for the years 1946-1966 are included in this section of the Report.

ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY OF WARDS 1966

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme										Rehoused Outside Pts Schm (Keyw's etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided				Tr'sfers-sub-ten'cies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
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ANALYSIS OF APPLICANTS REHOUSED SUMMARY FOR YEARS 1946—1966

WARD	Rehoused under the points scheme										Rehoused Outside Pts Schm (Keyw'ks etc.)	Type of Accommodation provided				Tr'sfers—sub-ten'cies			Total number families prov. with Alt. Acc. (Pts. Scheme, Other Cases, Transfers sub-tenancies)
	Occupation				Total Fam'ls Reh'd under Points scheme	Applicants g'ted priority on grounds of				New Houses		Casual Vac'cies	Other Accom'n	Notes	No. of Transfers approved	No. of sub-tenancies Auth- orised	Total trans- fers—sb-ten- an- cies		
	Agriculture	Mines	Steel/Tin	Others		T.B.	Disab'le- ment	Other Illness	Unfit Houses									Liv- ing in Apts	
—	125	44	342	511	27	9	212	42	394	59	416	220	5		380	272	652	(1) plus (2) plus (3)	
—	17	35	100	152	19	—	64	35	68	11	108	51	3		77	61	138	1222	
—	38	—	38	76	2	—	23	12	38	6	53	29	—		23	23	46	301	
—	49	2	29	80	6	—	21	12	51	2	49	33	—		11	21	32	128	
2	13	2	22	39	—	—	16	6	20	4	32	10	—		8	16	24	114	
2	36	44	163	245	20	6	89	64	134	38	178	102	—		66	91	157	67	
1	63	61	240	365	28	1	166	71	215	26	263	124	5		123	191	314	440	
—	86	16	118	220	14	3	64	78	108	7	185	63	—		70	160	230	705	
—	126	10	210	346	20	2	141	95	162	12	171	185	2		208	257	465	457	
—	65	1	67	133	7	—	28	39	60	2	71	64	—		33	74	107	823	
—	162	6	138	306	19	2	127	46	214	7	194	114	—		96	159	255	242	
																		568	
TOTAL	5	780	221	1467	2473	162	23	951	500	1464	174	1720	995	15	1095	1325	2420	5067	

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Samples.

The results of samples taken during the year for bacteriological and biological purposes are as follows. Examinations were made at the Swansea Public Health Laboratory.

Laboratory	No. Taken	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory	% Satisfactory
Public Health Laboratory, Swansea	9	8	—	88.8%
Bacteriological Examination Biological	9	9	—	100%

Ice cream.

No samples were taken during the year.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Section 16) Ice Cream Registrations

	PARISH OR WARD											
	Clyd	Gell	CCP	G. V	Ynis	Cil	B.M	Gd	Allt	Cm	Cae	Tl.R
Manufacture and Sale :												
(i) Complete Cold Mix	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
(ii) Hot Mix	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	3
Sale :												
(i) Prepacked	24	7	5	4	—	13	19	8	23	7	18	128
(ii) Loose	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	1	6
	25	7	5	4	—	13	21	10	27	7	20	139

**SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE PONTARDAWE RURAL
DISTRICT BY THE COUNTY SAMPLING OFFICERS
DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1966**

Almonds (ground)	2	Mincemeat	1
Aspirins	1	Mustard	1
Butter	7	Orange & Lemon Curd	1
Cake Sp'ge Pastry Mix &c.	2	Peanut Butter	1
Cheese Spread	2	Peel (mixed)	1
Coffee & Chicory	4	Pepper	1
Colouring	4	Sago	1
Cooking Fat	2	Salad Cream	1
Cream	3	Sauces	2
Desiccated Coconut	1	Semolina	1
Evaporated Milk	1	Soft Drinks	13
Flour	2	Soup (canned)	1
Fruit Juice	2	Spaghetti (canned)	1
Gravy Browning	2	Stomach Powder	1
Ice Cream	6	Sugar	4
Jam	1	Sweets	5
Lard	1	Syrup	1
Margarine	1	Vinegar	2
Meat Products (canned)	16	Vitamin Tablets etc.	2
Milk	141		

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows & Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1329	45	276	29481	7029
Number Inspected	1329	45	276	29481	7029
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis Whole Carcases Condemned	1	—	2	14	2
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	625	29	9	20408	3653
Percentage of Number affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis ..	47.11 %	64.45%	3.986%	69.26%	52. %
Tuberculosis Only Whole Carcases Condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which Some Part or Organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	100
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1.42 %

Cysticercosis .. 3 Cases were found during the year

LIST OF SCARLET FEVER CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1966

Age Groups	Total	Sex		WARD OR PARISH	
		M	F	Clydach	Ailtyrug
3—5 years	1	1	—	1	
5—10 years	2	1	1	2	
10—14 years	1	1	—		1
TOTAL	4	3	1	3	1

SECTION F — PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR EACH MONTH — 1966

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Jan.</i>	<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Mch.</i>	<i>Apr.</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept.</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>Dec.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	35	20	14	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	78
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL	36	22	15	6	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	84

PARTICULARS OF INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE YEAR 1966

DISEASE	WARD OR PARISH											Total
	Clydach	Gelli-onen	Ynisymond	Craig-cefn-parc	Garnswllt-Velindre	Cilybebyll	Blaen-egel Mawr	Godrgraig	Alltygrug	Cwmllyn-fell	Gwauncaegurwen	
Scarlet Fever	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles	9	2	3	—	1	28	7	—	14	1	13	78
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL	12	4	3	—	1	28	7	—	15	1	13	84

CANCER DEATHS—LUNG AND BRONCHUS 1947—1966

Year	Sex	Total	Clydach	Pontardawe	Ystalyfera	G'n-cae-gurwen
1947	M	6	6	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—
1948	M	9	3	1	2	3
	F	1	1	—	—	—
1949	M	12	8	3	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1950	M	9	3	2	1	3
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1951	M	7	5	1	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1952	M	12	9	2	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1953	M	21	14	3	3	1
	F	1	1	—	—	—
1954	M	2	1	—	—	1
	F	3	—	1	—	2
1955	M	16	4	4	6	2
	F	1	—	—	1	—
1956	M	17	8	3	4	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1957	M	10	4	3	1	2
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1958	M	18	10	3	2	3
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1959	M	12	3	4	1	4
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1960	M	13	5	4	3	1
	F	1	—	1	—	—
1961	M	8	5	2	1	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—
1962	M	12	3	5	3	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1963	M	12	7	2	2	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—
1964	M	14	5	2	3	4
	F	2	1	—	—	1
1965	M	8	4	2	1	1
	F	1	—	1	—	—
1966	M	15	5	6	3	1
	F	2	1	1	—	—

CANCER DEATHS — 1966

[illegible]

Vulva	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ethmoid	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lung	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchus	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maxilla (L)	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pelvis	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Left Hand	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcinomatosis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lymphoma	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	M F	1 1	2 7	15 8	16 9	11 8	9 8	2 3	— —	1 1	1 1	6 3	7 3	— —	1 —	8 5	2 2	1 —	15 7	4 4	15 8	— —	— —
78		2	9	23	25	19	17	5	—	2	2	9	10	1	13	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—

CANCER DEATHS 1947 - 1966

Year	Sex	Total	Clydach	Pontardawe	Ystalyfera	G'n-cae-ger'n
1947	M	28	15	6	4	3
	F	27	7	9	4	7
1948	M	42	10	9	7	16
	F	20	3	9	5	3
1949	M	40	11	18	5	6
	F	24	4	7	2	11
1950	M	33	10	8	6	9
	F	23	8	5	4	6
1951	M	40	21	8	6	5
	F	22	6	5	4	7
1952	M	35	14	10	8	3
	F	31	10	6	10	5
1953	M	47	25	8	9	5
	F	28	8	8	6	6
1954	M	25	11	6	4	4
	F	23	5	13	1	4
1955	M	43	10	15	11	7
	F	30	5	9	9	7
1956	M	46	21	10	9	6
	F	35	10	10	6	9
1957	M	41	13	11	10	7
	F	26	7	5	6	8
1958	M	55	20	13	11	11
	F	33	11	8	6	8
1959	M	37	9	11	7	10
	F	23	8	4	7	4
1960	M	38	14	10	7	7
	F	34	6	10	3	5
1961	M	34	12	12	6	4
	F	32	11	6	4	11
1962	M	35	12	11	9	3
	F	25	8	8	6	3
1963	M	27	11	8	5	3
	F	24	7	5	9	3
1964	M	37	9	13	5	10
	F	24	8	10	1	5
1965	M	32	13	8	6	5
	F	26	2	9	7	8
1966	M	45	13	13	9	10
	F	33	13	6	5	9

TUBERCULOSIS

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1 Year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—34 years	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—44 years	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—54 years	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—64 years	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 & upwards	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
Age Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	7	1	1	—	3	—	—	—

Rate of Incidence of New Cases : 0.3 per 1,000 population

Death Rate from this Disease : 0.1 per 1,000 population

NUMBER OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR 1966

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory and Non-Respiratory
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
210	192	402	37	38	75	477

Rate of Incidence : 15.9 per 1,000 population

NUMBER OF CASES ON TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER AT THE END OF THE YEAR 1966

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory			Respiratory and Non-Respiratory
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Total
214	193	407	38	38	76	483

Rate of Incidence : 16.1 per 1,000 population

PARTICULARS OF TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS 1950 - 1966

Year	Pulmonary		Total	Non-Pulmonary		Total	Total Deaths All Forms
	Male	Female		Male	Female		
1950	10	10	20	1	2	3	23
1951	8	8	16	—	1	1	17
1952	13	3	16	—	1	1	17
1953	12	1	13	1	1	2	15
1954	8	2	10	2	—	2	12
1955	7	2	9	—	—	—	9
1956	1	3	4	—	—	—	4
1957	5	2	7	—	2	2	9
1958	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1959	3	—	3	—	1	1	4
1960	2	1	3	—	—	—	3
1961	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1962	2	—	2	—	—	—	2
1963	1	—	1	1	—	1	2
1964	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1965	2	—	2	1	—	1	3
1966	3	—	3	—	—	—	3

**CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SHOPS' INSPECTOR'S
ANNUAL REPORT 1966**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1966.

It has in the main been a year of normal work during which existing services were maintained. It has been possible in the last twelve months to deal with a number of our housing problems and the general standard of housing in the area is satisfactory. The demands made by the emergency needs of housing at Godrergraig have of course caused temporary restrictions in other wards and reference to this is made in the report.

PART 1. GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH.

Inspections for the Year, 1966

(a) All types of premises under Public Health and Housing Acts.	5,889
(b) Infectious Diseases	274
(c) Dairies, Milkshops, etc.	30
(d) Factories and Workplaces	190
(e) Verminous Premises	95
(f) Miscellaneous (including Food Stores and Butchers' Shops)	4,228
(g) Inspections under Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1950	967
(h) Inspections under Shops Act, 1950	742
(i) Inspections of Licensed Premises	144
(j) Meat Inspection — see appropriate section of report.	

Public Cleansing.

- (a) REFUSE COLLECTION
- (i) Direct Labour Collection.

The refuse collection services have been carried out on the basis shown in the accompanying table. It was possible during the year further to extend the number of dual tip end loaders in service and full conversion should be complete within a further twelve months. While these vehicles are a great improvement on the old side loading collectors, increasing bulk of cartons and packages makes it evident that compaction or shredding devices in the lorries themselves will be characteristic of future vehicles.

REFUSE COLLECTION, 1966

District No.	ORGANIZATION				VEHICLES & PERSONNEL			
	Area Served	Approx. No. of Houses Served	Frequency of Collection	Disposal Points	Make of V'icle	Type of Body	Date of First Registration	No. of Personnel
1	CLYDACH All Clydach to Mond Works. Craigeffnparc	1914	Main Roads daily, Monday to Friday. Business Premises Primarily Wednesday Other Roads, Twice Weekly	Rhyddwen Craigeffnparc	Karrier (Diesel)	3/4 ton 18/24 cu. yd. all steel covered body	2/2/65	3
2	ALLTWEN & CLYDACH Clydach from Mond to Cross, Pontardawe, Gellynudd, Rhos Alltwen, Glais	2091	do	do	Karrier (Diesel)	2/3 ton 7 cu. yd. all steel covered body	1/10/58	3
3	PONTARDAWE Rhydyfro, Ynysmeudwy up to Jubilee Stores plus Maesycloed, Pen-darren, Tanyddarren. All Pontardawe	1727	do	Alltygrug Ystalyfera	Karrier (Diesel)	3/4 ton 18/24 cu. yd. all steel covered body	11/11/63	3
4	YSTALYFERA Cwmtwrch, Godrergraig down to Jubilee Stores Plus all Side Streets	1765	do	do	Karrier (Diesel)	3/4 ton 18/24 cu. yd. all steel covered body	13/5/66	3
5	GWAUNCAEGURWEN Whole of Caegurwen Ward	1678	do	Brynammann Common	Karrier (Diesel)	2/3 ton 7 cu. yard all steel covered Body	9/1/60	3
General Replacement	All Areas as required during emergencies				Karrier (Diesel)	2/3 ton 7 cu. yard all steel covered body	1/12/56	

(ii) Refuse Disposal.

Disposal is concentrated at three main centres, namely :— Craigcefnparc, Ystalyfera and Gwauncaegurwen. It is evident that the Ystalyfera tip, because of its unsatisfactory terrain, has a limited life and it is hoped that tipping operations here will soon be discontinued. For reasons of animal health, secure fences must be maintained at all tipping sites. Enquiries are being made regarding a sanitary land-fill system whereby refuse is buried and covered daily in deep excavated trenches. Such a system, however, requires excavative mechanical plant and there is a possibility that opencast operations may provide an answer.

(iii) Contract Collection.

Refuse is at present collected by contract, in Velindre, Garnswllt, Cwmcerdinen, Tynyberllan and the Cwmllynfell Ward. With the exception of the last named, the areas referred to are too scattered in nature, or distant from main routes to make direct collection economic. The Cwmllynfell Ward however is capable of integration in the existing direct labour scheme and it is hoped that the end of this year will see this plan achieved.

(b) NIGHT SOIL REMOVAL.

This service is now necessary only in areas where high sewerage costs have prevented water-carriage systems being installed. This matter has been referred to in previous reports and it is again desired to support the Council's efforts to sewer these areas. The houses concerned are, in most cases, of sound construction and many could be dealt with under an Improvement Grant if only a sewer were available.

(c) STREET CLEANING.

The Council pays an annual amount within the terms of the Public Health Act, 1936, to the County Council for the cleansing of highways by this latter authority. The repayment basis has been agreed throughout Glamorgan by the constituent county districts and cleansing is carried out on a mechanized basis.

(d) LITTER.

The plastic bonded steel containers now in operation have continued to prove their durability. There are adequate litter bins now in service and these are emptied in passing by the refuse vehicles.

Abandoned vehicles present an increasingly difficult problem and the Civic Amenities Bill now under consideration should provide an answer. It is thought however that their disposal is beyond the capabilities of individual authorities and county, and regional plans may have to be drawn up for co-ordinated action.

Factories Act, 1961

The provisions of this Act were, where necessary, applied during the year.

Rodent Destruction.

Work carried out for the destruction of rodents is detailed in the accompanying table. As said in the previous report a complete baiting of all the Council's sewers and manholes was carried out in conjunction with officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food. It is pleasing to note that infestation in the sewers was minimal and it is desired to thank the officers of the Ministry for their assistance and guidance. No evidence of rat resistance to the poisons used has been found during the year.

RODENT DESTRUCTION, 1966

WARD/PARISH	Premises treated, Including Refuse Tips, Brooks, River Banks			Sewer Treatment		Combined Figures		
	No. Treated	No. of Baiting Points	No. of Baits Laid	No. of Manholes Treated	No. of Baits Laid	Total Premises & Manholes Treated	Total No of Baiting Points	Total Baits Laid
Clydach	60	1159	3577	197	591	257	1356	4068
Gellionnen	44	824	2472	70	210	114	894	2682
Mawr	7	169	507	—	—	7	169	507
Ynisymond	3	104	312	—	—	3	104	312
Cilybebyll	44	750	2250	—	—	44	750	2250
Blaenegel & Mawr	83	1443	4329	140	420	223	1583	4749
Godrergraig	45	880	2640	54	162	99	934	2802
Alltygrug	42	883	2649	158	474	200	1041	3123
Cwmllynfell	18	346	1038	—	—	18	346	1038
Caegurwen	57	1111	3333	—	—	57	1111	3333
TOTALS	403	7669	23007	619	1857	1022	8288	24864

HOUSING

REPAIR, OVERCROWDING AND DEMOLITION

(a) Repair

The main repairs which concern the Department are those of normal maintenance. Owners of rented houses are normally residents within the area. We are fortunate that few rented houses are owned by people living in other parts of the country or by property companies. This enables repair questions to be discussed on site with the two parties directly affected, namely, the landlord and the tenant. It is only rarely therefore, that formal proceedings under the Public Health or Housing Acts need to be invoked.

Godrergrraig Landslip Housing Problems.

Reference was made in the previous report to land movements in the Godrergrraig and Pantteg areas which resulted in damage to houses, of a sufficient extent to require their vacation. In so far as the residents were concerned, the immediate problem was that of shelter. The longer term implications were social and financial in nature. The rehousing of the occupants was, fortunately, possible because of housing schemes nearing completion in other Wards. This however meant a relocation in another part of the district and the abandonment of the house in Godrergrraig. The willingness of other Wards to co-operate and deny themselves the houses they had looked forward to occupying, is something that should be recorded as an indication of the community spirit which is always evident in time of major difficulty.

In order somewhat to abate the financial hardship involved in the loss of the houses, the Council proceeded to acquire the houses, using for its finance the fund opened by the Chairman of the Council (Councillor F. Williams) ex-gratia donations of other sources and the balance through loans coming from the Welsh Office. As the properties concerned were not capable of being occupied ever again, and the subsequent cost of demolition, will be one falling upon the Authority, the steps taken to assist the owners are both imaginative and practical.

(b) Demolition and Closure

The table indicates action taken in the various wards during the year. The remarks made in previous years regarding the general procedure again apply.

WARD	Demolition Order	Undertaking Accepted	Undertakings Cancelled	Closing Order
Cilybebyll	—	2	1	—
Alltygrug	—	11	3	—
Rhyndwyclydach ..	—	—	5	3
Gellionnen	—	1	—	—
Caegurwen	—	3	1	—
Blaenegel & Mawr ..	2	3	2	—
Cwmllynfell	—	—	3	—
Ynysmond	—	2	—	—
Godrergraig	—	5	1	—
Mawr/Craigcefnparc	—	4	—	—
Velindre/Garnswllt	—	1	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	32	16	3

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts.) 793
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose .. 2625
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation 37
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation 362

Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 206

Action under Statutory Powers During the Year :

(a) Proceedings under Sections of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	....	....	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	....	....	....
(a)	by Owners	....	....	Nil
(b)	by Local Authority in default of Owners	....	....	Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	....	....	....	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices				
(a)	by Owners	....	....	....	Nil
(b)	by Local Authority in default of Owners	....	....	....	Nil

(c) Proceedings Under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	....	....	....	2
(2)	Premises in respect of which Undertakings to repair were accepted	....	....	....	32
(3)	Undertakings cancelled	....	....	....	16
(4)	Closing Orders	....	....	....	3

(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	....	....	....	....	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements having been rendered fit.	....	....	....	....	Nil

Housing Act, 1957—Part 1.—Overcrowding.

(a)	(1)	Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year	....	....	....	....	....	26
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	....	....				42
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	....	....				118
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	....	....	....	....	....	7
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	....	....	....	....	....	54
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	....					209
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	....	....	....	....	....	Nil
(e)		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report					....	Nil

Common Lodging Houses.

There is one common lodging house in the area and it is registered as a suitable premises. Conditions are well up to standard and its main function, apart from the regular users, is to house, for varying periods, some of the labour force of building contractors from outside the area, who have work within the district.

Caravans.

The Caravan (Control and Development) Order now makes it possible to deal more adequately with sporadic development, and close liaison is maintained with your Council's Planning Officer in order to ensure that caravans are not sited unoccupied in circumstances whereby public health may be endangered. Generally speaking, there is very little caravan usage in the area, nor does it appear that future years will see an increase.

Land Charges.

A total of 462 land charges inquiries was dealt with departmentally during the year. These were distributed on Ward basis as follows :

Ynysymond	....	20	Gellionnen	....	....	29
Cilybebyll	....	75	Craigcefnparc	....	....	14
Blaenegal & Mawr		60	Godrergraig	....	....	20
Alltygrug	....	33	Cwmllynfell	....	....	23
Caegurwen	....	84	Velindre/Garnswllt	....	....	15
Clydach	....	89				
TOTAL			.....	462		

Atmospheric Pollution.

There is little air pollution in the area. The principal heavy industry is a Nickel Refinery and there is the fullest co-operation between your officers and the management on pollution control measures. The new industries which are beginning to settle in the area are principally light engineering in nature and present no problem. Domestically the area suffers little in comparison with the Black areas of the country while the coal supplied for domestic use is bituminous in nature. Most of the coal supplied locally is anthracite with little volatile content.

AIR POLLUTION RECORDING RESULTS

Month	Deposited Matter Tons per sq. mile	Mg. of SO3 day collected by 100 sq. cm. of batch A Pb02 (louvered cover)	
		The Convent Clydach	High Street Clydach
January ..	—	0.87	0.90
February ..	—	0.63	0.44
March ..	—	0.57	0.39
April ..	—	0.52	0.62
May ..	—	—	0.32
June ..	—	0.68	0.19
July ..	—	—	0.21
August ..	—	—	—
September ..	—	0.24	0.29
October ..	—	0.15	0.20
November ..	—	0.39	0.44
December ..	—	—	0.47

General Public Health.

The statistics in the earlier part of this report indicate the wide range of duties carried out by the Department but it is proposed to refer here to a few matters of particular interest which have been dealt with during the year.

(1) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

During the year further premises have been registered, and in the main found generally to comply with the provisions of the Act. In some large undertakings, extensions are in need of consideration, and the plans will be discussed with the owners, so as to ensure that the Act is fully complied with.

(2) Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963.

One premises only within this area needs to be registered, and it is so registered.

(3) Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

This Act came into operation during the year and requires all Scrap Metal Dealers to register with the Local Authorities. The inspection of their books and invoices is a matter for the constabulary. Several registrations have been made, and others are under consideration.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(1) Milk.

Only designated milks are sold within the area. The bulk of such sales are T.T. Pasteurised. Inspections are made of dairies, milk distribution vehicles and sites where bulk supplies are delivered for local retail. Action over the years has affected considerable improvement in places where these supplies are put out for further collection. Samples are taken to ensure efficient pasteurisation and to see that no other infections are present.

Milk Supply.

(a)	Number of Inspections made of Dairies and Milk Shops during the year	....	....	....	....	....	....	30
(b)	Number of Dairies which were internally re-conditioned, new floors and channels in cement concrete, additional windows fixed for improving the lighting, ventilation, new stalls and troughs, etc. erected	....	....	....	....	....	....	Nil
(c)	New Dairies erected	....	....	....	....	....	....	Nil
(d)	Number of Dairies limewashed on internal surfaces of walls and interior of roofs cleansed as the result of informal action taken.	....	....	....	....	....	....	6

(2) Meat Inspection.

Two slaughterhouses privately owned operate within the area. The Department maintains a 100% inspection of all meat slaughtered for human consumption. The attached table indicates the number of animals inspected and the diseased conditions found. Both premises have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and were found by them to comply with the Slaughter-house Regulations.

FOOD HYGIENE.

Regular inspections are made of all premises in the area where food is stored, prepared or sold for human consumption. There is a good standard of compliance with the regulations, and food handlers generally co-operate with the officers in ensuring that the principles of food hygiene are observed.

Number of Food Premises in the Area by Type of Business.

	Number of Shops
Bakers and Pastrycooks (Including all bread and flour confectioners)	10
Butchers (Including Pork Butchers)	46
Coffee, Milk and Snack Bars	4
Confectioners (Sweets and Chocolates) (Including Theatres, Cinemas, Departmental Stores, Newsagents, etc.)	144
Fishmongers : Wet	8
Fried	22
Fruiterers and Greengrocers (Excluding Stallholders and Hawkers)	74
Grocers, Tea and Provision Dealers	198
Restaurants and Cafes (Unlicensed)	17

ICE CREAM

Most of the ice-cream sold in the area is of national manufacture, hygienically prepared and well packed. It is important, however, that retailers in the area understand the nature of the product they handle and are well versed in the steps necessary to prevent its contamination.

UNFIT FOODS

The following articles of food were inspected and found to be unsound, and surrendered voluntarily for condemnation.

Bacon	43 lbs.	Various Frozen Foods	84 pkts.
Biscuits	61 pkts.	Jams	17 lbs.
Butter	8½ lbs.	Canned Meat—Bulk	287 lbs.
Cereals	15 pkts.	Canned Meat	114 tins.
Cheese Spreads	24 pkts.	Fresh Meat	247 lbs.
Coffee (Instant)	6 tins.	Frozen Meat	109 pkts.
Eggs (Frozen)	14 lbs.	Fresh Poultry	2,991 lbs.
Fish (Canned)	8 tins.	Frozen Poultry	16 lbs.
Fish (Frozen)	143 pkts.	Poultry Portions	25 pkts.
Canned Fruit	67 tins.	Sugar	3 lbs.
Frozen Fruit	2 pkts.	Frozen Vegetables	182 pkts.
Fruit Juices	5 tins.	Assorted Foods	173 tins.

MEAT INSPECTION

The following table indicates the number of animals slaughtered and inspected and the weight of meat condemned for the period 1st January, 1966 to 31st December, 1966.

BOVINES

Organ	Disease	No. of Cows Affected	Weight of meat Cond'med (lbs.)	No. of Heifers & Bullocks	Weight of meat Cond'med (lbs.)
Liver	Abscess	—	—	83	946
	Angioma	9	126	2	28
	Adhesions	—	—	1	10
	Cirrhosis/Necrosis	7	79	194	1181
	C. Bovis	—	—	3	40
	Distomatosis	6	65	294	1475
	Hydatid Cysts	15	179	18	242
	Bacterial Necrosis	—	—	1	14
	Multiple Abscesses	—	—	4	56
	Parasitic	—	—	2	9
	Peritonitis	—	—	5	62
Lungs	Abscess	3	25	25	221
	Emphysema	4	39	6	50
	Hydatid Cysts	15	136	22	215
	C. Bovis	—	—	2	18
	Pleurisy	1	8	64	569
	Pneumonia	3	24	35	283
	Parasites	—	—	10	54
	Ingested Contamination	1	12	4	48
Carcase	Bruising	2	50	1	5
	Emaciation	—	—	1	160
	Abscess	—	—	1	12
	Peritonitis	—	—	1	5
Kidney	Abscess	—	—	1	3
Head & Tongue	Actinobacillosis	—	—	5	107
	Actinomycosis	—	—	3	94
	Abscess	—	—	1	30
	C. Bovis	—	—	1	12
Heart	C. Bovis	—	—	3	39
	Endocarditis	—	—	1	4

	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Others</i>
Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	45	1329
Total Number affected with Disease ..	29	626
Weight of Meat Condemned ..	743 lbs.	5980 lbs.

SHEEP

Organ	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned (lbs.)
Liver	Abscess	780	679
	Cirrhosis—Necrosis	1124	1871
	Distomatosis	456	605
	Hydatid Cysts	247	853
	Parasites	12437	6491
Lungs	Abscess	55	97
	Congestion	641	647
	Hydatid Cysts	225	545
	Pleurisy	124	181
	Pneumonia	3911	2409
	Parasites	15391	7126
	Melanosis	1	2
Heart	Pericarditis	15	13
	Hydatid Cysts	3	3
Kidney	Nephritis	4	2
Carcase	Arthritis	24	169
	Fractured Leg	1	5
	Emaciation	5	117
	Leg Toxaemia	2	66
	Pyæmia	2	61
	Badly Bled	1	28
	Moribund	1	25
	Bruising	6	33
	Abscess	6	25
	Injuries	1	10
	Hydatidosis	1	30
	Septicaemia	1	28
	Asphyxiaion	1	28

Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	..	29,481
Total Number affected with Disease	.. ..	20,422
Weight of Meat Condemned	.. .. .	22,149 lbs.

PIGS

Organ	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned (lbs.)
Liver	Abscess	12	25
	Hydatid Cysts	6	20
	Parasites	2495	3172
	Peritonitis	43	155
	White Spot	7	10
Lungs	Abscess	7	19
	Congestion	719	1245
	Parasites	375	298
	Plurisy	311	605
	Pneumonia	1850	2847
	Hydatid Cysts	1	2
Heart	Pericarditis	220	227
	Myocarditis	1	1
Head	Tuberculosis	100	800
	Abscess	8	67
Kidneys	Hydronephrosis	4	5
	Nephritis	1	1
Carcase	Abscess	28	113
	Pyæmia	1	90
	Peritonitis	1	5
	Moribund	1	60
	Bruising	26	98
	Injury	1	8

Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	7,029
Total Number affected with Disease	3,655
Weight of Meat Condemned	9,873 lbs.

CALVES

Organ	Disease	No. of Animals Affected	Weight of Meat Condemned (lbs.)
Liver	Umbilical Pyaemia	2	8
	Abscess	1	3
	Cirrhosis	1	4
Lungs	Pneumonia	2	3
	Umbilical Pyaemia	2	4
	Melanosis	3	7
Carcase	Umbilical Pyaemia	2	77
	Bruising	1	4
	Leg Abscess	1	10

Total Number Slaughtered and Inspected	276
Total Number affected with Disease ..	11
Weight of Meat Condemned	120 lbs.

Overall Total of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected ..	38,160
Overall Total of Animals affected with Disease	24,743
Total Weight of Meat Condemned	17.35 tons

Disinfection.

1. Number of investigations made of Notified Infectious Disease cases	....	....	....	....	....	....	274
2. Number of premises fumigated or otherwise disinfected							23
3. Number of cases where clothes were disinfected						....	7
4. Number of cases where bedding was destroyed						....	Nil

DISINFESTATION.

The services of the Department have been sought by householders throughout the area when they find themselves in difficulty regarding infestations. From day to day, there occur the ordinary problems of beetles and ants, but as well as this, advice is given regarding "Strange Insects". This phase is commonly used and the offending pest may turn out to be a Spider beetle, Carpet beetle or the Clover mite.

The Department is usually able to identify and deal with these more unusual problems, but where there is any doubt, specimens are sent to the laboratory for identification.

Departmental Distribution of Disinfectants and Insecticides

Disinfectant	179 tins
Disinfectant (Soap)	42 lbs.

PART II

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOPS ACT, 1950

In accordance with the Agreement between this Authority and the Glamorgan County Council, the Report annually required is herewith submitted on the administration of the Shops Act, 1950.

1. Early Closing.

The early closing day varies in the district by reason of traders having exercised their legal right of option for the alternate day. The exercise of the above right has resulted in a variation of day within the same township. The community, however, appears to be well served. Particular attention has been paid to ensure that premises open for the sale of exempted goods do not sell articles not included in the Schedule.

2. Closing Hours.

Shops within the area close according to the times set out in the Act.

The hours of closing permitted by the Shops Act, 1950, operate within the area, the local Closing Order of 1915 being invalid due to incompatibility with the above Act.

3. Employment of Young Persons.

The provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, and the Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1938, are generally observed within the area. The hours of work of these young people and the conditions of their employment are duly investigated during routine inspections.

No matters affecting young persons and requiring action under the above Act arose during the year. Liaison with the Youth Employment Bureau has proved of much assistance in the administration of these provisions.

4. Authorised Officers.

Your Chief Public Health Inspector and first Additional Public Health Inspector are Authorised Officers under the above Act.

5. General Observations of the Year's Work.

During 1966, 742 inspections were made for matters falling within the Shops Act, 1950.

In order to ensure that the hours of closing and the provisions with regard to Sunday trading are being observed, visits have been made during the evening in the course of the year and in general it is felt that the provisions of the Act are being respected.

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